



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. P043D2C3C)

In the Application of:

FARMWALD et al.

Serial No: 09/492,982

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Title: METHOD OF OPERATING A MEMORY  
DEVICE HAVING A VARIABLE DATA  
INPUT LENGTH

Group

Art Unit: 2818

Before

Examiner: T. Nguyen

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, submitted herewith is a modified Form PTO-1449, including a copy of all of the documents listed therein.

The documents listed in the PTO-1449 have been recently identified in a Notice of Opposition filed against European Patent EP 1 004 956 (Hereinafter the "OPPOSITION"). EP 1 004 956 contains claims that are similar to claims in U.S. Patent 6,034,918, the parent of the instant application. A copy of the OPPOSITION is also submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner make his consideration of these references formally of record with the next Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: January 29, 2001